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RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Dear Mr. Knox:

The Massachusetts Department of State Police (“Department”) has received your public records request dated February 7, 2019 seeking “A copy of all files, including communications, reports and memos, related to the white nationalist groups “Oathkeepers” and “The Three Percenters/The 3%ers.” Along with an internal department database search, a separate email search was conducted by the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS). After duplicate items were removed, a total of thirty-one (31) responsive documents were produced.

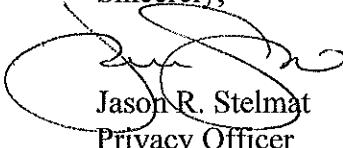
Prior to producing any documents, the Department is required to review and redact exempt or otherwise privileged information from each communication. Please note that a large percentage of documents contain references to CORI information, investigative materials, security information, and personally identifiable information of public citizens, and federal government agency documents and is therefore subject to exemption under M.G.L. c. 4, section 7, clauses 26(a) (materials specifically exempted from disclosure by statute), (b) (internal rules and practices of the government unit), (f) (investigative exemption), and (n) (policies and procedures related to the security and safety of persons) as well as M.G.L. c. 6, § 172, M.G.L. c. 66, section 10B, and 6 USC §482. Also, any communications designed to obtain or provide professional legal advice in formulating a response to this request is considered privileged and also exempt.

If you wish to challenge any aspect of this response, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records following the procedure set forth in 950 C.M.R. 32.08, a copy of which is available at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-source/cmrl/>. You may also file a civil action in accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10A.

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Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


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